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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

**Please amend the specification as shown in clean form below. A marked-up copy of the changes is attached hereto.**

Page 2, lines 6-15, please amend this paragraph as follows:

In Fig. 77 illustrating an example of the prior art sheet treatment apparatus, for example, sheets S1 with an image created thereon by an image forming apparatus (not illustrated) are fed to the sheet processing apparatus, and are led to a pair of ejection rollers 3 as an ejecting means comprising a lower roller 3a and an upper roller 3b through the ejection sensor for detecting the passage of this sheet. Then sheets are ejected in the direction of ejection "a" (orthogonal to the axial direction of the lower roller 3a within the

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